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TWO NEW OPEN HEARTHS TO BE ERECTED BY PITTSBURG STEEL

Work to be Started at Once Upon Notable Monessen Improvement

APPROXIMATE COST $500,000

Original Plans to be Carried Out For Completion of Ten Plants—Will Enlarge Capacity Considerably—Blast Furnaces Ample.

The general contract has been awarded and work will start at once on the erection of two open hearth plants for the Pittsburg Steel company at Monessen, the improvement to cost about $500,000. This will complete the originally planned battery of ten open hearths, eight having been erected some time previously.

The contract for the work of construction is held by Lockman Bros., of Pittsburg and they are getting matters in shape for an early start. Probably five or six months will be consumed in the work.

The open hearths to be built are to be of the 90 ton pattern, which will mean virtually an increase of the output of about 200 tons. From 1,200 to 1,400 tons is now considered a good average.

The new open hearths will be built adjoining the ones now in use. Few additional men will be needed to man them after completion.

For some time the Pittsburg Steel company has had in contemplation the completion of the full number of open hearths and conditions of late have been of such nature to encourage an immediate beginning. The eight have proven fairly adequate for the supply thus far, but increased production with greater demands upon the trade is now considered essential. Blast furnaces ample.

APPEAL TO WILSON DECISION TAKEN BY CLEVELAND WOMAN

In the estate of Wallace J. Hilton, deceased, in which the register of wills handed down a decision last week, by which letters of administration were issued to Sarah Jane Hilton, an appeal has been taken to the orphan's court. Kizziah Hilton of Cleveland, O., claimed to be the lawful widow of Wallace J. Hilton, who was late of Monongahela, and claimed his estate. She renounced in favor of Albert Hilton, a brother of the deceased. Sarah Jane Hilton was living with Wallace J. Hilton at the time of his death and was reputed to be his wife. The register's decision was in her favor.

MAJESTIC THEATRE

TODAY.

"The Blindness of Virtue." Presenting two of the best professionals in the moving picture world, Bryant Washburn and Edna Mayo. A picture that every mother should see, as it is a great lesson. Also a great comedy and a full orchestra. 131-tf

AWAKE FROM WARM BEDS TO FIND CLOTHING IS MISSING

Sons of M. S. Warne Discover Evidence of Visitation of Burglars When They Wake.

When they arose from their warm beds Monday morning Charles and Joseph Warne, sons of M. S. Warne, of Monongahela shivered more than usual for the simple reason that they had no clothes to put on. During the night the house had been entered and several suits of clothes stolen. In addition to the clothing, two gold watches and a quantity of money was taken. The thieves entered the house via the pantry window and plied their unlawful trade in practically every room in the house without waking the slumbering members of the Warne family.

The robbing of the Warne home and chicken house seems to have become a habit. Several times within the past few months thieves have visited the place but at no time have they made such a haul as they did Sunday night. Many chickens have been taken in former raids. This time, however, hunger evidently did not assail the marauders. No food was taken but the articles that were stolen might be converted into food if the thieves had any luck.

HIGH SCHOOLS TO PLAY BIG GAME

Hot Struggle Anticipated Coming Saturday For Valley Championship

MONESSEN TO MEET CHARLEROI

The biggest event of the year in scholastic football in the Monongahela valley will be that next Saturday of the game between Charleroi high school and Monessen high school to decide the championship of the Monongahela valley. The game will be played on the Charleroi field. Monessen will send 500 or more enthusiastic rooters to the affair and such towns as Monongahela, Donora and California will contribute to the crowd.

Both Charleroi and Monessen are getting down to their hardest work this week in preparing for the struggle. Coach Gdaniec, a last year's Bucknell star is directing the Charleroi work, and Monessen has three coaches giving attention to various departments of the game, using a tackling dummy and other equipment

John G. Staudenmayer, manufacturer of fine ice cream and proprietor of the Quality bake shop of Monessen will offer his business and property for sale at a bargain to a quick buyer. Reason—going to engage in a different business. 126-tf

QUICK WORK SAVES HEAVY FIRE LOSS

Reports of Conflagrations Monday Evening and This Morning Bring Out Firemen on Jump—One Blaze Said to Have Been Started by Children

Comparatively slight damage was wrought by fires which were reported Monday night and this morning. The first blaze was at the home of Samuel Sapia on Eighth street and McKean Monday evening at about 8:30. The second fire was reported this morning from the home of Thomas Williams on Seventh street and Lookout avenue.

Quick runs were made by the firemen with the fire truck in both instances. The Eighth street affair amounted to little, it being only a slight blaze arising from a leaky gas pipe, with fire starting near a stove. Practically no damage was done.

The fire this morning looked worse than it did not prove so. It started under a corner of the Williams' home, supposedly as a result of children playing with fire. Smoke issuing from that part of the woodwork was noticed and an alarm sent in. Owing to the promptness of the firemen what might have been a bad blaze was easily extinguished. One of the worst features at this point was in the fact that Mrs. Williams is ill and could not be moved.

EXPLANATION GIVEN TO COMPENSATION LAW

Members of State Board Emphatic In Statement That Married Men Will Not Be Discriminated Against In Any Way.

James W. Leech and John A. Scott members of the State Workmen's Compensation Board, speaking before the Chamber of Commerce at Johnstown Monday night vigorously refuted statements that the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation act would tend to keep from employment married men with families.

Mr. Leech quoted John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America and now chairman of the Industrial Commission of New York state, in proving that the Workmen's Compensation law in New York state has not resulted in any discrimination against married men regardless of the number of their children.

"While certain interests are circulating statements throughout Pennsylvania that the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation act, requiring greater compensation to be paid to families of married men killed at work than is necessary in the case of single men, will keep married men out of employment, those statements are without foundation and apparently are made to influence public opinion against the act," declared Mr. Leech.

"I was told by Mr. Mitchell in New York just a short time ago that married men in New York state have suffered absolutely no ill effects from the enforcement of the New York act. He asked me at that time if I imagined for an instant that the public would tolerate such needless discrimination because a man had assumed the responsibility of being the head of a family. He assured me that if such discrimination should develop in New York state that the outcry by the general public and the working men themselves against such discrimination would be tremendous.

"Why should there be any discrimination against the married man? The State Insurance fund, which will offer compensation insurance at 10 per cent below the rates charged by stock companies and will afford complete security, will insure married employees at the same rate as is charged for single men. The appro-

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PLACED ON TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF RAGUSO

Joseph Auria Said to Have Killed Houston Man by Beating Him Over The Head With Pipe—Other Cases Taken Up.

Joseph Auria, indicted for the killing of Frank Raguso, near the P. R. R. station at Houston, late on the night of April 14 or early of the morning of April 15 last, was placed on trial before Judge McIlvaine Monday afternoon. The commonwealth is not asking for a first degree verdict and there was no formal arraignment as there is usually in first degree cases.

The trouble started at the home of Mrs. Lugretta Allerendri, near the Pennsylvania passenger station, Houston, Auria and Raguso, who lived in the neighborhood, arrived at Mrs. Allerendri's home. Frank Merani of Midland, a cousin of the woman, made a call and with Guy Bonnasso a boarder at the house and Frank Vitondi, another guest, made up the party. Several bottles were tapped and Auria is said to have become quarrelsome. He started a squabble with Raguso and the two men were told to leave.

Continuing the quarrel in the yard Auria is alleged to have drawn a knife and inflicted the death blow. Mrs. Allerendri had gone into the yard by this time and the drunken man attacked her. She screamed for help and Bonnasso respounded, grabbing an iron pipe with which he felled Auria and inflicted the ugly hurts on his head.

Benjamin Godfrey and Manual Campbell of Carsburg, were found guilty Monday of robbery. They were given from two to five years each in the penitentiary. They were indicted for the robbery of Peter Beken at Catsburg. The three men had been drinking together at a speakeasy and the holdup and robbery is alleged to have occurred just afterwards. The defendants denied committing the crime and alleged that Beken was injured in a fall down stairs at a questionable resort visited after being at the speakeasy. The case went to the jury just before noon Saturday, and an agreement was reached after court was adjourned Saturday.

Fred Kolbos, held for the murder of M. Cohen, late a merchant at Marianna, will be called for trial Monday morning.

QUARREL OVER LOVE AFFAIR ENDS IN SHOOTING OF ONE

MRS. LOUISA BROWN DIES AT HER HOME IN MONONGAHELA

Well Known Woman Expires at Ripe Old Age—Was Born in Belle Vernon—Lived Some Time in West.

Mrs. Louise Brown, aged 86 years, widow of James H. Brown and one of the oldest and best known women of Monongahela died at her home Monday. Death was due to pneumonia and complications. The funeral services were held at the late home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment was in the Monongahela cemetery.

Mrs. Brown was born at Belle Vernon in 1829, the daughter of Charles H. and Hannah Gaskill Crall. Early in childhood she went with her parents to make her home in Monongahela. In 1860 she married Hezekiah Carmack and some time later removed with her husband to San Francisco, Cal., to make her home. In 1882 she returned to Monongahela. About 20 years ago she was united in marriage with James H. Brown, who died five years ago.

Mrs. Brown was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Monongahela having joined it in her early girlhood. While her health permitted she was an active church worker and took a helpful interest in the many branches of church work.

There survive one son, Shelby C. Carmack of Chico, Cal.; one sister, Mrs. George Black of Clarksburg, W. Va., and one brother, Samuel Crall of Monongahela.

SCHOOL MONEY IS NOT FORTHCOMING

State Treasurer Young Says He Cannot Pay Because Exchequer is Empty

IS AN UNUSUAL CONDITION

Unless there is a pronounced spurt in the revenues of the state before the close of the commonwealth fiscal year November 30 the official year may end without the whole of the state school appropriation being paid. Under the school code the school appropriations were payable in July, but it is doubtful if $3,000,000 has been paid out. Payments have been made as the money was in hand and several times the issuance of checks has been suspended because of the low state of the general fund.

State Treasurer Robert K. Young, who announced suspension of payments last week, said bluntly when asked the reason that the money was not in hand to pay. The bulk of the state revenue devoted to payment of school appropriations comes from the corporation taxes. These are generally collected in large sums in the fall through the auditor general's de-

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Californian Shot Down in Cold Blood it is Alleged By Former Friend

ASSAILANT IS APPREHENDED

Is Taken From Train on Way to Monessen and Brought Back to California—Makes His First Escape Easily.

Without removing his revolver from the right-hand overcoat pocket, where it lay concealed, Louis Cample, Italian, it is alleged shot and fatally wounded his erstwhile friend, John Gaitoe, also Italian, at the corner of Union and Third streets, California at 7 o'clock Monday evening following a quarrel over a love affair. Gaitoe was taken to the office of Dr. J. W. Farquhar where he died about one hour after the shooting. The ball from the 38 calibre revolver had entered his abdomen, taking an upward course into the left lung where it had lodged. The dead man was 28 years old and unmarried.

Cample fled in the excitement following the deed, but was arrested later in the evening on a P. & L. E. train. He was taken from the train at Monessen and taken back to California.

The shooting had its dramatic features and created a great deal of excitement. The two men had been close friends and lived at the same Italian boarding house. Monday afternoon they went to Brownsville and were returning home when the murder was committed. They walked up Union street and paused to talk at the corner of Third and Union. They were evidently quarreling for their voices were loud and they were both gesticulating violently. A love affair is thought to have been the subject under discussion.

Suddenly Cample put his hand in his pocket and the next moment a muffled report rang out. Gaitoe fell to the sidewalk and in the crowd that gathered at the scene almost instantly, Cample made his getaway. Gaitoe was taken to the office of Dr. Farquhar who sent four Italians to the injured man's boarding house for a cot. When they arrived there they met Cample who asked what the trouble was and the Italians, ignorant of the fact that Cample was the guilty man, told him that some one had shot his friend Gaitoe.

Cample ran down the steps as though in haste to reach his friend's side. He ran, however, to the Coal Centre ferry and took the boat to East California, arriving there in time to catch the 8 o'clock P. & L. E. train. In the meantime witnesses of the shooting remembered that Cample was the man who had been with Gaitoe at the time of the shooting. The police were notified and officers all along the valley were wired to be on careful lookout for the man. He was caught on the train and taken off at Monessen. Officer H. B. Lake of California went to Monessen and brought him back to California.

Cample is about 42 years old. He is married, his wife living in Europe.

Ernest Dorbritz was a business caller in Uniontown Tuesday

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CLEAN MILK

Not many years ago everybody kept a cow. Now-a-days the city dweller's milk may have been hauled across two or three states before the milk bottle finally comes to rest upon the door step.

The majority of people seem to feel that if their milk is fresh it is likewise clean. Unfortunately nothing could be further from the truth. Dirty dairies and unclean handling is far from common. In the majority of smaller communities there is little or no supervision of dairy farms and dealers, says State Health Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon in his weekly health chat.

As a result milk is often the agent by which disease is transmitted. Typhoid fever, septic sore throat, scarlet fever, diphtheria, and other communicable diseases can readily be spread along the milk man's route. This is particularly true where the insanitary practice is followed of filling the empty bottles which have been set out by customers, and delivering them at other houses, instead of taking them back to the dairy for proper cleansing and sterilization.

There are many instances on record where extensive typhoid epidemics have been traced to this practice.

Where city milk supplies are obtained from a wide spread territory covering several states, inspection of the individual dairy farm becomes almost an impossibility and pasteurization offers the only effective method of protection to insure milk free from disease germs. This does not necessarily mean clean milk.

Milk produced in states where the dairy farms are efficiently supervised by state inspectors is to be preferred. When the cleanliness of the raw milk is assured it is to be desired and is more easily digested than milk which has been pasteurized.

Every action in the handling of milk and the care of the dairy stock is important. If an absolutely clean supply is to be assured we must have healthy cattle properly cared for, cleanliness in milking and in the handling of the milk and the maintenance of the proper temperature from the time it is brought in by the milker until it is consumed.

IN WASHINGTON

At last the fifth section of an ordinance approved August 19, 1914, regarding the automobile and motorcycle cut-out has been remembered, says the Washington Reporter in speaking of conditions in Washington. One man has been arrested for violation of the ordinance and has paid his fine. The others who daily violate the ordinance and there are many who do every day, still go noisily through the town seemingly immune.

It is all right and well to bring up one offender but there are many others who are just as much violators of the ordinance. The arrest Thursday was the result of complaints made by many persons of the town. After the complaints had been made, the case was settled quickly and the offender punished.

Autoists and motorcyclists who daily violate this ordinance are many. That they are not brought up for justice is not the fault of the police for they cannot be every place at once and cannot be present as eye-witnesses whenever the ordinance is violated. It lies with the people of the town to report such offenders as they may see as soon after the offense has been committed as possible.

If every citizen of the town would constitute himself a committee of one for the suppression of these irritating and unnecessary noises, the practice would soon be brought to a stop. If a man is made to pay a fine every time he opens his muffler on a borough street it stands to reason that in time he will learn to keep the engine muffler out of use for his pocketbook if not for the ear drums of his fellow citizens.

A writer in the North American Review defines culture as the habit of getting at the root of things and reasoning from a sound basis. A cultured mind does not reason from the surface, taking superficial observations as a basis, but seeks the underlying causes which produce certain effects. Superficial reasoning is the cause of most of our bitterest contentions and misunderstandings in this world and is the great original source from which the demagogue reaps his richest harvests.—Punxsutawney Spirit.

Perusal of a book of definitions used in one of the lower grades of school teaches us that "wind is air moving in a horizontal direction," with other definitions similarly complicated. Whether the tots of the ... ten understand what "moving in a horizontal direction" means is a question. It sounds nice to hear them reel off a few definitions like that, but for enlightenment on the subject, wind might be better defined as air in a hurry.

Whatever benefits Monessen benefits Charleroi and that is why the residents of this town rejoice with their neighbors across the river at the improvements of a substantial nature being started. The erection of additional mills or industries there will help toe the whole valley which already is the busiest place in all creation.

The kind of accidents, both fatal and near fatal, that would be easy to stop if we ever set our mind to it is that kind arising from men, usually intoxicated, going to sleep on a car track and then being run over. Only a little bit of law enforcement is necessary.

Electric Sparks

There it was raining again, and the only protection we had was an old rain check.

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Some people think that keeping out of jail is an achievement.—Exchange. And it is isn't it?

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An exchange tells that the first two colleges were founded to educate ministers. And bless you some of them need it.

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Too True.

I didn't raise my boy to be a cabbage,
I didn't raise my onions to be beans
I didn't raise my carrots to be pumpkins.
I didn't raise my rhubarb to be greens,
But that's the way they turned out in the garden.
But when I start to plant it in the spring
I'll bet that seed store guy.
I'll black his other eye.
If where I plant a squash I pick a cabbage.

—Philadelphia Star.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

Luck is the main difference between failure and success. It rises like some mysterious fairy from the chaos of events and crowns its victors with an apparently hopeless ignorance of justice.

Luck must be a woman; no man could be so fickle, so fantastic in a choice of favorites.

Luck, however has one great virtue. Although she will desert the gambler as suddenly as she came to him, she is likely to be faithful to those of her proteges who are the steadiest workers. She appears to be on the side of the biggest battalions.—Life.

Why is a policeman like a clean bar? Because he's a fixture.

LONG BRANCH

Mrs. Lizzie Williams who has been ill for some time is improving slowly.

Miss Mary Buxton and Miss Loretta Edwards of Roscoe were visitors with Mrs. A. Sloan Thursday.

Miss Belle Geho who has been teaching school at Monessen was home over Sunday.

Mrrs. Howard Mayhorn and Mrs. Foulks were Charleroi callers last week.

Mrs. J. G. S. Chalfant spent Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. Sutherland of Speers.

Sarah Duvall of Charleroi has been visiting her grandfather, John Nixon.

NORTH CHARLEROI

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pelky of Brier Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thorp of Frye Station, Joseph Pelky, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pelky of Donora and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beirgulm of Cokeburg are visiting at the home of Mrs. Anna Pelky.

Miss Nelle Sauerwein has returned to her home in South West after visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. A. Fortney.

Frank Baldwin of Donora was the guest of his sister, Mrs. George Dennis.

Mrs. J. G. Bell spent Monday evening with her daughter, Mrs. V. G Richardson of Monessen.

Mrs. George Dennis and daughter Dorothy were Sunday callers in Donora.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Yorty, Dr. and Mrs. Valentine Yorty and Mr. and Mrs. George Yorty of Williamsburg were Sunday guests at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Addison Springer.

Samuel Cheshure of Rices Landing spent Sunday here.

Estate of Dr. N. W. Patton, late of The Borough of Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

Administratrix' Notice.

Letters of administration in the above entitled estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make prompt payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to

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WASHINGTON HIGH SEEKING POST SEASON GAME FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Would Like to Play Off Tie With Charleroi at Washington the Week Following Thanksgiving.

A movement is on foot at Washington to engage Charleroi high school and Washington high school in a post-season football game at Washington for the high school championship of Washington county. Early in the season Washington and Charleroi played a scoreless tie so that either at the present time could be considered eligible for the championship title. The Washington plan is to have the game played the week following Thanksgiving. With the Washington county championship will go the Greene county championship, since Washington high eliminated Waynesburg high last Saturday, and if Charleroi beats Monessen high the coming Saturday it would carry with it also the Monessen

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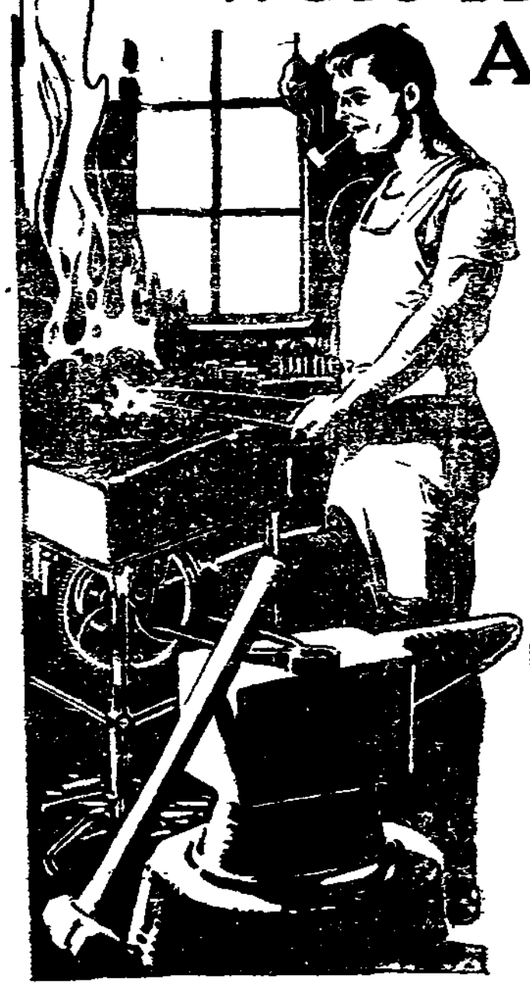

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TAKING 'N' FROM DAMN

DOES NOT TAKE THE CURSE OFF BY ANY MEANS.

When One Doesn't Care a— Well, Even "Tinker's Dam" Is Bad Language to Say the Best About It.

A contributor to the Sun grieves over the ignorance of those who assume that "tinker's dam" is a "profane expression." A tinker's dam, says he, was a chunk of dough or batter used before the days of muriatic acid to keep the solder from spreading; and as the solder commonly did spread nevertheless, the tinker's dam was as nearly worthless as the common expression of disesteem for it implies. He differentiates it from the common or garden damn and says: "There is no profanity about it."

But not to care a tinker's dam is just as profane as not to care a maverick damn, unbranded with ownership by tinkers or others. Taking the "n" out of damn does not take the curse off. If it is profane not to care a damn, it is just as profane not to care a whiffer, a jabberwock, a goop, or any other illegitimate and unsanctioned word. When one stentoriously enunciates his refusal to appraise the article under discussion at the value of a damn, he is not swearing or cursing; he is literally using bad language, for, in the sense he means, there is no such noun as damn. We know what a tinker's dam is, but what is a damn? When one says he does not care a whoop, he is far more definite, for there is such a thing as a whoop. Whence arose the idea that not caring a damn was being profane, and why do persons who do not care one plume themselves on their devilishness?

It is not profane, but it has the sound of being profane, and that is all that is needed. An individual who would not for the world have used blasphemous language used to relieve his feelings by pronouncing the name of one of Wagner's operas in a tone that caused neighboring windows to fall in, and "Gotterdammerung" gave him as much satisfaction as if he had violated a commandment. And who was the man who always swore by Charles G. D. Roberts and Josephine Dodge Daskam because they sounded so profane? There is an excellent Methodist in this town who severely reprehends profanity whenever he hears it, but who produces all the effect of shocking blasphemy by the embittered emphasis he lays on the exclamation, "For government's sake!" Colonel Roosevelt plumes himself on his abstinence from profanity, but none of the unregenerate ever got such satisfaction out of a real cuss word as he does out of "By Godfrey!" No, tinker's dam belongs in the comfort-giving galaxy of profane refuges for the emotions: and that is the worst you can say of the other damn. —New York Times.

Mysterious Zones of Silence.

A meteorologist of Zurish, Dr. A. de Quervan, directs attention to a new theory which he calls a zone of silence. He says that strong noises like explosions or the sound of cannons, while heard in a normal way in their immediate neighborhood, are not heard in a distant zone even when most intense.

It is now known as a historical fact that Frederick the Great on August 17, 1760, won the battle of Liegnitz because the Austrian generals Daun and Lasen asserted that they had not heard the sound of cannons. It was supposed at that time that the statement of the Austrian commanders was an untruth, but it is now believed that a zone of silence existed. Similar phenomena have been observed recently. In 1906, when the Jungfrau railroad was being built in Switzerland, a fearful detonation took place, caused by the explosion of 25,000 kilograms of dynamite. The noise was heard at a distance of 30 kilometers, but not at 140 kilometers. Strange to say, however, the noise was heard 50 kilometers from the last named zone.

The Bible in Russia.

The holy synod at Petrograd has been busily engaged in the work of producing popular editions of the Bible. These are being widely distributed by the Orthodox church among soldiers on the battle field as well as to the sick and wounded. Various Russian Red Cross aid associations are including Bibles and Testaments in their parcels of "comforts" for troops at the front, and as the available stock of the British and Foreign Bible society has became exhausted, the holy synod is undertaking the work of printing fresh editions. Should this wave of enthusiasm for the propagation of the Holy Scriptures prove more than a passing phase we may look forward to a revival of intelligent religious instruction in Russia.

Novel Porch Light.

A porch lamp of a new type, just placed on the market, is made to be installed inside the building so that it is not only protected from the weather, but serves to illuminate the hall or front room as well as the porch. The lamp is mounted inside the wall adjacent to the porch. Part of the light is diffused through the room, while a part of the horizontal rays are transmitted through a 1¼-inch tube to a globe mounted on the outside of the wall, where, with the aid of a reflector it is uniformly distributed over the porch.—Popular Mechanics.

Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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The Poor Umps.

The umpire cannot see at all,
His ways we do not like,
For he calls every strike a ball
And calls each ball a strike.

Mean Brute!

"It is too bad about Mrs. Nagg, isn't it?" remarked Mrs. Gabb.

"Too bad about what?" growled Mr. Gabb.

"Why, she is suffering from insomnia," replied Mrs. Gabb.

"What is the matter—does her husband talk in his sleep?" asked Mr. Gabb.

Can't Trust Anybody.

Faith in your fellow man must die
And you get quite a shock
When he looks you straight in the eye
And sells you phoney stock.

Paw Knows Everything.

Willie—Paw, does bellicose mean something connected with the stomach?

Paw—Yes, my son. When a man has cramps he acts that way.

Maw—Willie, you take your books and study your lessons in the attic.

Wuff!

There was a hot sport out in Butte
Who went out on a regular tutte.
He fell on the ground
When the sidewalk turned round,
And he ruined his nine dollar sutte.

Sure!

Dear Luke—Do you want to retain Begg, Begg & Begg, attorneys, as counsel for the club? They are located in the St. Paul building, New York city.—Interested.

In Eden's Garden.

Old Eden's garden was a place
Where man could rest contented,
No phonographs squealed all night long—
They had not been invented.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

However, it is good and right
With truth awhile to grapple;
The blue laws were so doggone tight
You couldn't eat an apple.
—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

He Was Wise.

"My, but you are dull this evening," giggled Miss Antique. "Why don't you say something? You know a man does not have to be a good linguist to make love to a girl."

"I know he doesn't," replied Mr. Oldbatch. "He merely has to be a good liar."

Fooey.

What are those things the ladies wear
Around their necks that look so hot?
I'm not quite sure, but I would say
That summer furs and some are not.
—B. T. Longfellow.

Well, We'll Bite! When?

Rev. W. F. Foster and wife were entertained at the home of George Turner. When?—Milan (Ind.) Commercial.

Heroes.

Save all your praise
For Enoch Pratt,
Who seeks to raise
The voiceless cat.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Just keep that cake
For old man Cannel,
Who seeks to make
An itchless flannel.
—Detroit Free Press.

Names Is Names.

Miss I. V. Leaf lives in South Bethlehem, Pa.

Things to Worry About.

Niagara falls will be dry 1,000 years from now.

Our Daily Special.

Some men use mighty big words to say mighty small things.

Luke McLuke Says:

As a rule, when a young man and a young women get married on a bet they both lose.

Some men go through life with the idea that other men are labeled, "Shake well after using."

When mother goes visiting she takes along an old apron so she can help with the dishes. When daughter goes visiting she takes along an old powder rag so she can help doll up.

The reason why father's back is too weak to help mother take the screens out of the windows is because he has a date to go downtown and bowl eighteen games with a bunch of friends.

When our best people pull off the hugging matches required in the newest dances the dances are delightful and artistic. But if a bunch of the boi polloi get a hall with sawdust on the floor and tap a keg and dance the same dances the best people find that the dances are disgusting and shocking, and they have the authorities send the wagon around.

Many a man isn't able to feather his nest because it takes all of his coin to feather his wife's hats.

Of course mother wouldn't think of knocking father. But every now and then mother will glare at father and tell daughter that she hopes she will marry better than her mother did and not throw herself away. And father slams the door and goes out and tells his pet bartender all about the war in Europe.

Judging by the size of the collection receptacles passed around in church on Sunday every pastor is an optimist.

The trouble about being absent minded is that you are liable to forget that you are broke when your wife asks you for money and dig down and produce.

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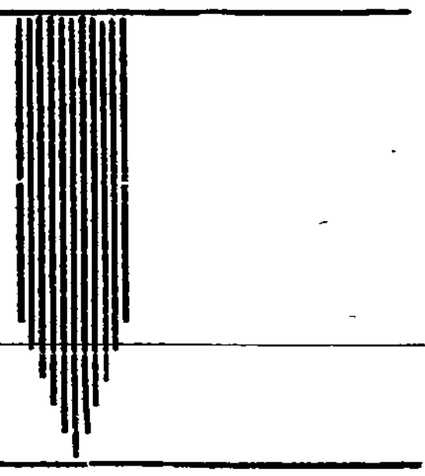

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